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Herman Cain speaks, sings to packed house



Evert Nelson | Collegian

Former Republican candidate Herman Cain sings a version of "Amazing Grace" after answering questions from a large audience on Tuesday night in the Grand Ballroom of the K-State Student Union. The lighthearted lecture was organized by K-State's College Republicans.

Mike Stanton
assistant news editor

Nationally syndicated talk show host, author, business executive and former presidential candidate Herman Cain spoke last night in the K-State Student Union Grand Ballroom. Cain, who emerged last fall as a leading candidate for the Republican nomination, was welcomed to the stage by a standing ovation from the crowd of close to 500 students, faculty and community members.

"It's a calamity to have no dreams," Cain began. "Yes, we have issues; we have challenges; we have differences; but we are still the greatest country in the world."

The free lecture was hosted by K-State's College Republicans and co-sponsored by the Diversity Program Committee and Young America's Foundation.

Cain, who grew up in a family that he described as "poor, but happy," began his career in the Department of the Navy, working

as a ballistics analyst.

"My first goal was to make \$20,000 a year," recalled Cain, who stressed the importance of goals and dreams in achieving success. "Why \$20,000? I read somewhere that if you make \$10,000 a year you qualify for an American Express card, and I wanted two of 'em."

Cain achieved that mark with the Navy, and soon after, he decided on another goal.

"I wanted to be the vice president of something, somewhere, someday, doing anything," he said, explaining that he had seen pictures in a magazine of the vice president of a company at a ski resort leaning on a ski pole that motivated him to strive for the title. "Where I come from in Atlanta, they'd arrest you for having a ski pole. A ski pole was a weapon."

By the age of 36, Cain became a vice president in the Pillsbury Corporation. He oversaw the building of a new corporate facility in Minneapolis, where he said he designated himself a "vice presidential" corner office on the 31st floor.

"My secretary put a copy of the Wall Street Journal on my desk every morning, and I would look at it. I didn't read it, I looked at it," Cain joked. "So when people called me and said, 'Herman, did you see what was in the Wall Street Journal today? I could tell them, 'Yeah, I saw it!' Don't know

what the hell was in it, but I saw it!"

Soon after, Pillsbury assigned Cain to take charge of more than 400 Burger King restaurants in the Philadelphia area. He was trained from the bottom up, working every duty from cooking burgers to managing. Within a few years, the region's profitability increased dramatically. Cain's success at Burger King led to his appointment as president and CEO of Godfather's Pizza, another struggling Pillsbury affiliate that he rapidly turned around.

"I changed the attitude of the people that worked there, and that changed the attitude of the people who ate there," Cain said of his strategy at both franchises.

Cain declared his candidacy for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination in May 2011. His campaign, which focused more on speeches and appearances than advertisements, gained momentum for months, eventually placing him on top of the polls.

"If you have a message that resonates with people, they will become your messengers," Cain said, explaining that he does not favor spending money on radio and television ads.

Cain's campaign was interrupted in late October 2011, when reports surfaced that Cain had been accused of sexual harassment by

Snyder sounds off on growing conferences, last home game

Corbin McGuire
staff writer

K-State head coach Bill Snyder sat down in the Big 8 room in the Vanier Football Complex to talk about his team's final home game of the season against the Texas Longhorns, which essentially acts as a Big 12 championship game for the Wildcats.

With a win against the Longhorns, the Wildcats would guarantee themselves a share of the Big 12 title and lock in a trip to the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Ariz.



Emily DeShazer | Collegian

While trying to signal a touchdown, senior quarterback Collin Klein is pushed and pulled to the ground by Baylor offensive linemen in Waco, Texas, on Nov. 17.

The 7 p.m. game will mark the last time 27 senior Wildcats will suit up in front of their home crowd, and Snyder said they want the win.

"I think it would be very meaningful to them," Snyder said. "It's a lifelong memory, I'm sure. It's something they could take a great deal of pride in because they had such a major role in it, having come through the program over a four- or five-year period of time."

Snyder was not shy, however, about expressing his interest in regaining an actual Big 12 Championship game and reestablishing a two-division conference.

"I've always felt that way. I'm still a proponent of having two divisions and playing a championship game," Snyder said.

The topic came up from the aftermath of conference realignment, which has begun to shake up the landscape of college athletics yet again.

The Big 10 Conference, which currently includes 12 teams, announced the addition of Rutgers and Maryland last week for an eventual 14-team conference.

The Big East followed suit, announcing Tuesday that beginning in 2014, the conference will add Tulane in all sports and East Carolina only in football.

K-State's 73-year old coach used the first year following his return to the Wildcats' sidelines as an example to explain his desire for a conference championship game. That 2009 team was 6-5 going into the final regular season game against Nebraska with a chance to win the Big 12 North still in reach.

"In that system, people were still in the hunt, so to speak, and the fans continued to support them," Snyder said. "It kept players excited about the opportunities that existed. It was a positive thing for the game."

K-State Athletic Director John Currie said that while the Big 12 athletic directors talk about conference expansion frequently in their weekly conference call, adding teams just to keep up with other conferences is not a wise move.

"If you're looking for fans truly receiving what they're paying for with incredibly competitive games, once again the Big 12 has delivered that and people are recognizing that," Currie said. "We are where we are with a very strong 10-team league. Ninety percent of our teams in our league are bowl-eligible right now and nobody else in college football has that."

Snyder, who often advises his team not to look too far ahead, said his preferences do not hold much weight in decisions regarding conference expansion.

"I'm one of 10 [head coaches]. I haven't been on a soapbox campaign for it. It'll be what it will be. Somebody else will make those decisions," Snyder said. "If it were to go to 12, I understand that it would be a difficult process of being able to identify how the logistics would work and what teams would come in. But that's way down the road, I think."



Evert Nelson | Collegian

Audience members seated in the front row smile and react to speaker and former presidential candidate Herman Cain in the Grand Ballroom of the K-State Student Union on Tuesday night. Cain discussed his early life and business career and concluded the lecture by singing "Amazing Grace."

Activist speaks about challenges of living as LGBT Muslim

Jakki Thompson
staff writer

Students, staff, faculty and community members all laughed as speaker Faisal Alam joked about the packed parking lots he saw on campus as he prepared to speak Tuesday night. Alam said he expected a huge turnout for his presentation in the Leadership Studies Building until he saw a poster with Herman Cain's face on it and realized his event would compete with the national TV personality and politician's speech in the Union.

Alam describes himself as a queer Muslim activist shedding light on the issues that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Muslims face. He was invited and sponsored by K-State's LGBT Resource Center specifically to address these issues.

"One of the most impactful things I have encountered was having a gay Muslim in the audi-

ence who had come out to me after one of my presentations," Alam said. "The student told me he felt like he had been the only one gay Muslim in the entire world until he saw my presentation."

During his speech, Alam touched on many different areas of the changing, parallel shifts of the Islamic world. He opened by identifying misconceptions that many Americans and members of other Western nations have about Islam before tearing down those misconceptions and describing the shifts that are currently happening.

Alam discussed groups of Muslims who have created progressive movements within the religion. These progressive movements create safe spaces for LGBT-identified Muslims. This movement also supports concepts like non-segregated prayer in mosques and



Hannah Hunsinger | Collegian

Faisal Alam, a self-described queer-identified Muslim activist of Pakistani descent, speaks about the trials of being Muslim and homosexual in the Town Hall of the Leadership Studies building on Tuesday evening.

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There was an error in the Nov. 27 issue, in the article "3-year-old entrepreneurship center receives award." The article incorrectly stated that Yar Ebadi was the dean of the College of Business Administration. Ebadi retired from that position in 2011. The current dean is Ali Malekzadeh. Portions of the information used in the article were referenced from October 2012 and February 2011 press releases entitled "Winning entrepreneurship: Center for Advancement of Entrepreneurship earns new honor" and "Entrepreneurship Program Wins Emerging Program Award." The Collegian regrets the error.

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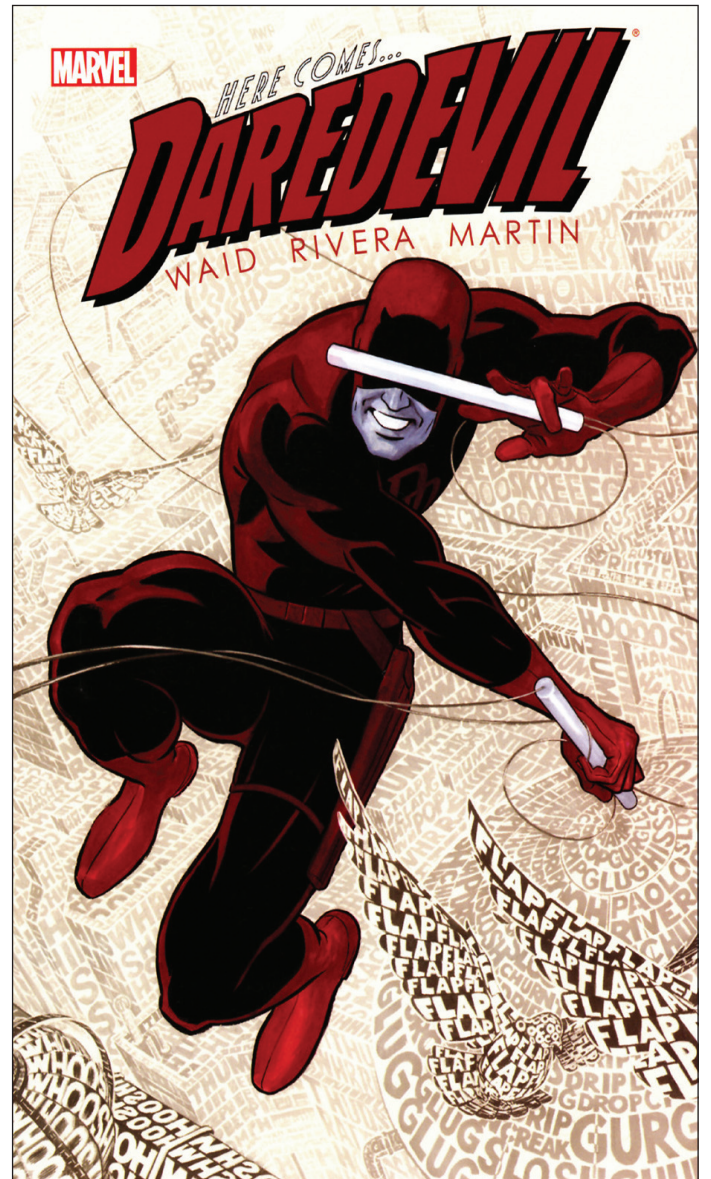
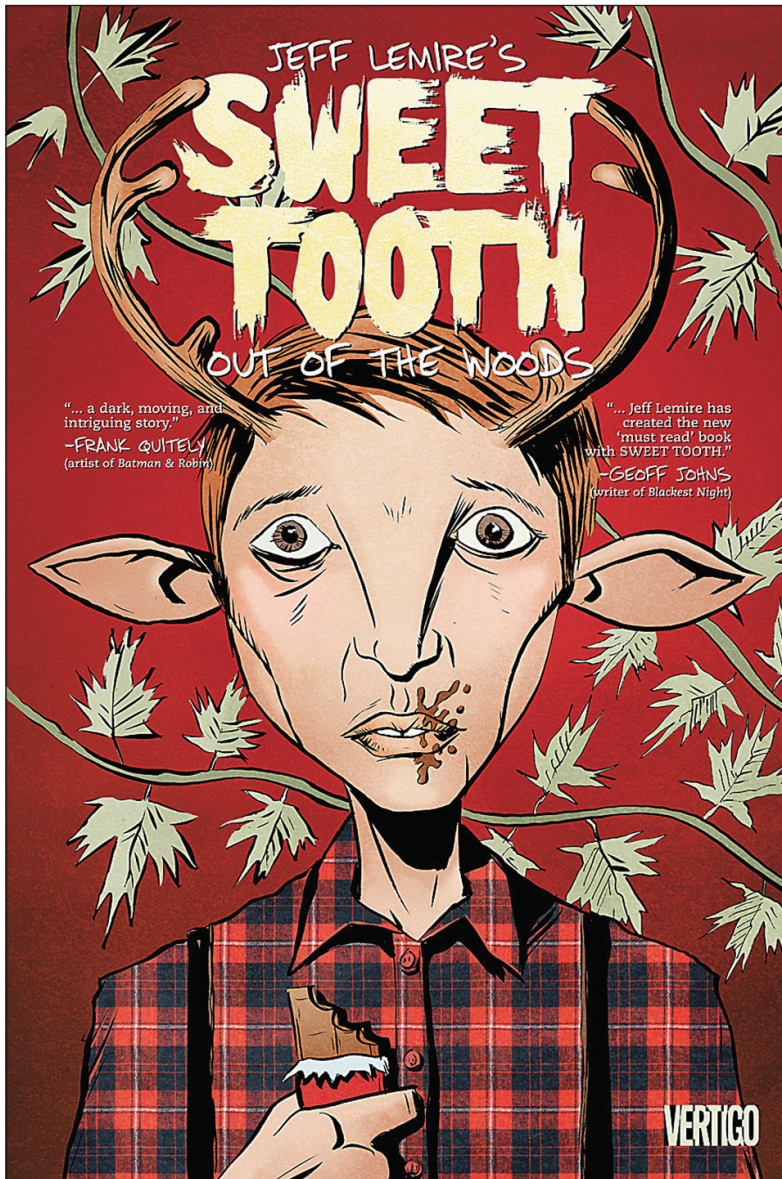
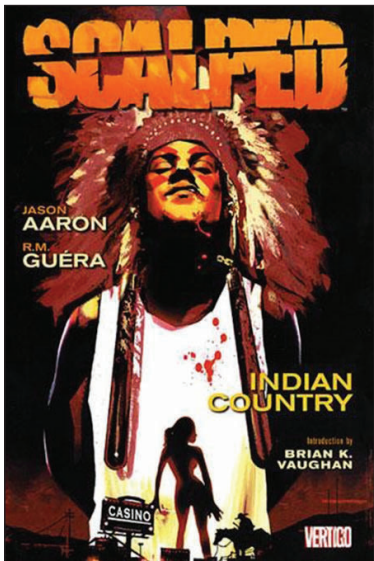
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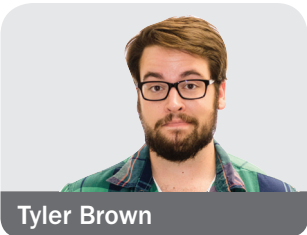
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5 graphic novels to give comic book geeks this holiday season



courtesy photos



Tyler Brown

There are two badly kept secrets concerning comics that come to mind. One (which you might know if you read the Edge page regularly) is that I love comics. I can't think of a more innovative literary landscape.

The other secret is that comics are gaining more and more respect within the academic and entertainment communities.

With that, I present to you five reasonably priced graphic novels you may not have heard of to buy for yourself or for your loved ones this season.

1. "Scalped Vol. 1: Indian Country"

After 15 years of searching for a better future, Dashiell "Dash" Bad Horse is setting foot on the Prairie Rose Indian Reservation again —

this time with a bad attitude and a pair of nunchucks. It's no coincidence that his return coincides with a new casino opening on "The Rez." The one thing that Prairie Rose is overrun with, other than organized crime and drugs, is secrets.

Writer Jason Aaron and artist R.M. Guera's celebrated crime series came to a close this past year with issue No. 60. This first volume (of 10) collects the first five issues of this crime comic intermixed perfectly with modern Native American culture and its inherent commentary. This is one of the best comics I've ever read and deserves every bit of your attention.

2. "Locke & Key Vol. 1: Welcome to Lovecraft"

After the shocking murder of their father, Tyler, Kinsey and Bode Locke are whisked away to Lovecraft, Mass., by their mother to live in their ancestral home, Keyhouse. While Tyler and Kinsey worry over family issues, Bode takes it upon himself to explore their mysterious new home, discovering magical doors that only work when one has the corresponding key. But it's when Bode discovers a ghostly girl

in a well that things get downright devious.

Writer Joe Hill and artist Gabriel Rodriguez' comic series has an incredibly potent mixture of the innocent, the mysterious and the horrifying. Five volumes are out, and the sixth and final story arc is now in its serialized run from IDW. Unlike other series set around a mystery, Hill actually answers all the questions he raises in a satisfying way. This volume collects the first six issues.

3. "Saga Vol. 1"

What happens when a family comes into being in the middle of a war? Although Marko and Alana are on two different sides of a galactic conflict, they've fallen in love and conceived a child. Now, the trio must go on the run from the very forces they formerly served and discover where they fit in the universe.

In these first six issues by writer Brian K. Vaughan and artist Fiona Staples, you're sure to fall in love with these characters and the world(s) around them. Unlike the previous two volumes I've listed, "Saga" released its No. 1 issue in March of this year. This is one emo-

tional sci-fi epic that you'll want to hop aboard.

4. "Daredevil Vol. 1"

Although Matt Murdock wants to leave the more depressing aspects of his life behind, he still finds himself vehemently denying that he's the street vigilante Daredevil. Find out what happens to the Man Without Fear when his senses are overwhelmed while facing Klaw, a villain made of pure sound. After that, Matt tries to protect a fellow blind client in and out of the courtroom from a conspiracy involving more than one international organization.

Although written greatly for years by Brian Michael Bendis and Ed Brubaker, the character Matt Murdock is finally shoving his way out of the darkness and grit, all thanks to writer Mark Waid and artists Paolo Rivera and Marcos Martin. Rivera and Martin shove the world of "Daredevil" into the light with unique visual styles and colors that pop off of the page, while Waid creates a fun superhero comic that still has serious undertones. Don't let the awful movie sway you away from this book; this is a lighthearted comic, and we need more of those.

5. "Sweet Tooth Vol. 1: Out of the Woods"

Ten years ago, a world-ending pandemic swept humanity, killing off much of the population. Oddly enough, people began giving birth to animal-human at the same time that the disease took hold. When Gus, one of these hybrids, finally leaves his home after his father's death, he faces an unfamiliar world he isn't prepared for. He meets the mysterious old Jepperd and the two set off to find the hybrid haven known only as "The Preserve."

"Sweet Tooth" completely fits its description as a mix between Disney's "Bambi" and Cormac McCarthy's "The Road." Like Aaron's "Scalped," writer/artist Jeff Lemire is ending his series this year. The series comes to a close with issue No. 40 and is sure to be a heart-wrenching affair. Five of the six volumes are available, and this first contains issues 1-5. Although I am totally in love with Lemire's work here, it is a sad affair that will provoke many a thought as you read.

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With the 2012 presidential election over and done with, political parties are finally settling down and becoming more moderate for the good of all. At least, that's what would happen in an ideal world.

Instead, people in many states, including Alabama, Florida, Colorado, Louisiana and Oklahoma, have filed petitions to the White House for their states to secede from the United States of America. Well, those that could actually spell "secede"; others misspelled the word or simply used "withdraw."

One state gaining attention lately over this issue has been Texas, where Romney won by nearly 1.3 million votes. In order for the White House to respond, a petition must get 25,000 signatures in 30 days. The Texas petition, created Nov. 9, had received 116,000 signatures by Nov. 21 and currently boasts 117,801. Granted, some of those are from people outside the state.

In the petition, creator Micah H. from Arlington, Texas, writes that, considering Texas "maintains a balanced budget and is the 15th largest economy in the world, it is practically feasible for Texas to withdraw from the union." He claims that U.S. citizens "suffer from blatant abuses of their rights" by the Transportation Security Administration and the National Defense Authorization Act. However, it's quite clear that Micah and the thousands of others haven't thoroughly examined the consequences.

Although Texas may be the 15th largest economy in the world, does Micah realize what this economy runs on? No, the state's economy doesn't run on Alamo dough or buck-aroo, it runs on the U.S. dollar. Take that away and what will the Texas economy be based on? Besides, if Texas or any other state actually succeeds in secession, do they expect not to lean on the U.S. for help when starting out?

Without the monetary backbone of the U.S., a standing military or anything else a

functioning country needs to start out, can anybody really take these petitions seriously?

The good thing is that many people decided to not take them seriously, coming up with mock petitions that make fun of the serious ones. One petition reads, "We petition the Obama administration to: kindly ignore any request from fellow Texans asking for a withdrawal from the United States of America."

Another tongue-in-cheek petition asked the U.S. to let Canada secede. A petition sure to be popular with college students is one asking for the ability to return a diploma for a full refund of all tuition paid. Another proposes a Judge Dredd-style law system in which judges would patrol on motorcycles, dishing out their own brand of justice, while yet another requests that the planet of Alderaan be allowed to withdraw from the Galactic Empire.

Listen, I know that Romney didn't win, but can upset voters realistically be that shocked by this? The GOP, which only attempts to focus on non-white, non-middle-aged voters during election year, saw its candidate lose and was surprised by this? This automatic anger and request for secession is almost equivalent to a toddler throwing a temper tantrum, unable to see the wrong decisions he's made.

This isn't to say that both parties don't have some growing up to do. This "us vs. them" mentality that's caused a rift in our nation needs to go. If the GOP wants a candidate to win, party members need to stop declaring "war" on the homefront and stop acting like their beliefs are being trampled upon by others.

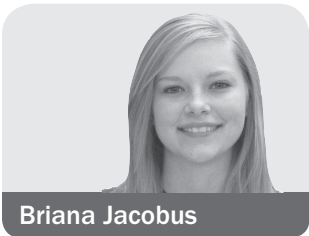
The right needs to become more moderate to reflect the views of this country's people as a whole, and the left needs to continue to push for equality while striving for an understanding with their more conservative brothers and sisters, instead of slamming their ideologies outright.

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Shooting ranges offering simulated combat with real weapons pose problem



A Florida shooting range called Combat Shooting Sports has started what its owner thinks will be a new trend in gun training. While shooting at paper targets helps shooters get acquainted with using the gun and promotes accuracy, many say that it doesn't truly test one's nerve to shoot at another human being. Most people hope that they are never put in this situation, but others want to be prepared in case it happens to them. However, there is an ethical problem here.

At Combat Shooting Sports in Winter Park, Fla., customers are allowed to shoot real guns at other live people. However, these guns do not have live ammunition. Instead, the range uses exclusively "Simulation." Simulation is a product designed for the U.S. military by the General Dynamics Corporation. They can modify any gun with a restrictor so that instead of firing a live round, shooters fire a special rubber bullet. The gun will still cycle and will still have recoil.

At first, this type of shooting was used by military and police forces as a form of training exercise. It simulates what it is like to get shot and also what it's like to shoot another human.

I hope that this trend does not spread to other states. With stricter gun laws already in the making, this shooting range is not helping competitive shooters, avid hunters

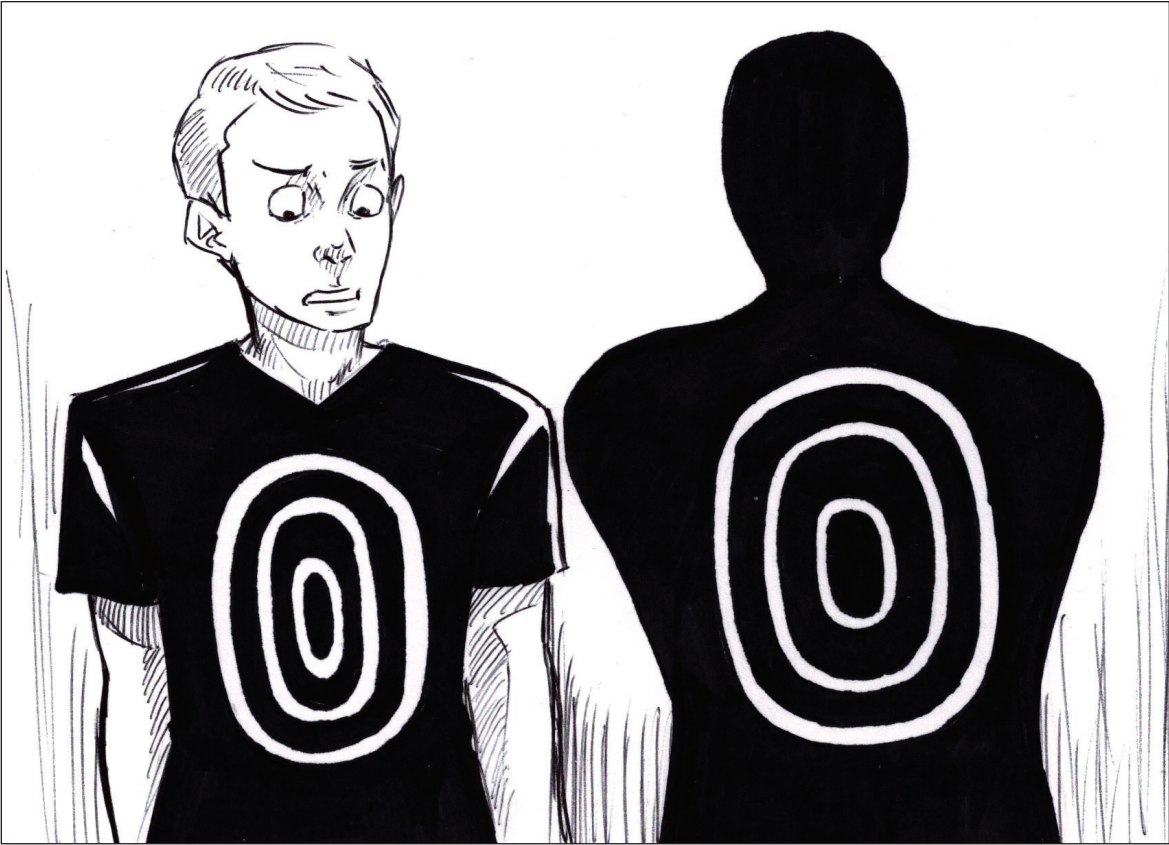


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or gun collectors. While the range is taking safety precautions, the No. 1 rule of gun safety for civilians is not to aim at something unless you mean to harm it.

According to a Nov. 13 WKMG Orlando article by Matt Austin, Dave Kaplan, owner of Combat City and Combat Shooting Sports, claims that this type of shooting can help prepare civilians for potentially deadly situations.

"There is supposed to be a degree

of pain with it, so that you do learn from it," Kaplan said. "Someone's trying to hurt you. You learn how to be as tactful as a civilian can be."

Combat Shooting Sports gives civilians the opportunity to use their guns in 360-degree simulated shoot house scenarios. At this facility, all instructors are certified in scenario-based training and safe usage of ammunition. Customers can fulfill concealed carry weapon qualifications, enhance their situ-

ational awareness and experience live action target engagement at the Combat Shooting Sports range.

This range is the only approved civilian range program providing this unique experience of live targets in this type of setting, according to combatshootingsports.com. Hopefully, this live target range remains the only one and similar ranges won't spread across the U.S.

For shooters who desire a more recreational type of shooting,

Kaplan also owns Combat City, an Airsoft range that allows customers to have Airsoft gun wars, similar to paintball wars. It is said that people still feel the impact, but it hurts less and leaves smaller welts.

Some fans have found this a winter alternative to paintball, as one of Combat City's facilities is located in an old grocery store that was turned into an Airsoft range. All ages are allowed at this range, which makes me wonder what this teaches children who participate. Is it really all right in today's society to shoot another person? If these combat-oriented types of ranges are the start of a trend, children might get the wrong idea at a young age.

No matter which range you are on, protective gear has to be worn at all times. Protection includes eye and ear protection and protection for facial, private and vital areas. Both ranges can be used to practice for sport, but a Combat Shooting Sports employee said more and more women come for self-defense.

"Most women walk out of here very empowered, and that's the key," said Tiffany Chapin, an instructor of one of the safety courses targeted toward women, according to a Nov. 14 Yahoo News article by Eric Pfeiffer.

But should this type of training be available for civilians or just for trained officials? This is a great way for people to feel more comfortable if they happen to live in a high crime area and think they are at risk of being robbed. However, I don't think that the live target trend featured at Combat Shooting Sports will, or should, spread across the country.

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TO THE POINT

Staff editorial: states' recession petitions ridiculous, counterproductive

To the point is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

One of the biggest headlines appearing on major news outlets after this year's presidential election concerned petitions signed by residents of numerous states to secede from the Union. Residents in all 50 states have filed and gathered signatures to submit to the White House in an effort to

start a secession movement in their respective home states.

The editorial board at the Collegian believes this movement is a drastic overreaction to the results of the election.

When President Obama was reelected to office earlier this month, it was a sign that the majority of the country trusted in him and his administration to continue in the direction that he started to take this country four years ago.

Although the President has not fulfilled all the promises he made when he originally

campaigned, and we do not suggest that everyone should agree with all of the decisions made by Obama and his administration, we believe voters should respect the office of commander in chief.

Secession is not only economically unrealistic, but it is also counterproductive as a political strategy and creates a drastic divide in our nation. In trying economic times like these, divisiveness is the last thing that we need.

What these unhappy Americans need to understand

is that they and their states need the Union as much as the Union needs them. Economically, the federal government provides states with massive amounts of funding every year, not to mention legal, military and diplomatic support.

Instead of wasting time creating far-fetched plans to break away from the Union, these states should be figuring out ways to reduce their own local unemployment, increase education standards and decrease crime in their communities.

Many problems that states

face today have not been created by the federal government, nor are they necessarily affected by direct action by the federal government. In fact, the majority of problems that occur at a local level stem from and can be solved by state governments.

Logically, this would mean that even if the residents of these states were granted their wish, they would still encounter similar problems.

What these Americans are doing is what many little kids do when they lose a game of

tag: they quit. Nothing says "sore loser" more than storming out when you don't get your way.

If people truly want to enact change in their daily lives, they should start at a local level. Communicate with your legislators and help them understand your needs and wants as a voter.

Threatening secession, however, will not solve problems any more than dramatically throwing a tantrum would. It can only result in wasted time and ill will towards each other.

CAIN | Song and speech earn crowd ovation

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two women during his time with the National Restaurant Association in the 1990s. Two more women came forward with their own accusations shortly after. Although Cain denied all of the allegations, he acknowledged that the restaurant organizations had paid settlements to the accusers.

By late November, another woman claimed that she had engaged in a 13-year affair with Cain. Although Cain continued to deny any wrongdoing, he suspended his campaign days later

despite the significant support he had generated with ideas such as his 9-9-9 tax plan, which advocated a 9 percent tax rate on business transactions, personal income and sales.

"I was fully behind Cain when he was running for president," said Manhattan resident Rob Friesen, who attended the speech Tuesday night. "His 9-9-9 plan made a lot more sense than anyone else's."

At the end of his presentation, Cain held a question-and-answer session and, on request, performed a rendition of "Amazing Grace." The audience

gave him a standing ovation.

According to Rane Cravens, vice president of K-State's College Republicans and junior in political science and economics, who planned the event, Cain's speech was a rousing success.

"I loved how he talked about personal responsibility and having a goal to go for, not making excuses and keeping your nose to the grindstone," Cravens said. "On a scale of 1 to 10, this was a 15. We had 400 chairs out. Any time you have to add more, that's a great thing."

Two Fort Riley soldiers die in combat in Afghanistan

Karen Sarita Ingram
edge editor

Two U.S. Army Soldiers died in combat in Paktika province, Afghanistan, on Nov. 16. Sgt. Channing Hicks and Spc. Joseph Richardson were killed when enemy forces attacked their unit with an improvised explosive device and small arms fire.

Hicks, 24, and Richardson, 23, were infantrymen assigned to 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kan.

Hicks, known as "Bo" to family and friends, was originally from Greer, S.C., and joined the Army in June 2006. He previously served two deployments to Iraq with the 1st Infantry Division.

His younger brother, John Hicks, posted on his Facebook page, "First I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers. I also wanted to say that my brother was a good man, he served our country well and did it with pride. He was not just my brother but my best friend and my hero. I could talk to him about girls, fights and Friday night football games. There will never be a moment forgotten with Bo. R.I.P Bo Hicks. I love you."

Richardson was originally from Booneville, Ark., and arrived to the unit in October 2008. He had previously served one tour to Iraq with the Big Red One. He is survived by his wife and his parents.

This was the first deployment to Afghanistan for both soldiers.



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Sgt. Channing Hicks (top) and Spc. Joseph Richardson (above), both based out of Fort Riley, were killed Nov. 16 in Afghanistan when their unit was attacked with small arms fire and an IED. Both were on their first deployment.

LGBT | Speaker illuminates misconceptions

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women leading prayers.

"Within the past few weeks, I have attended different events dealing with Islam in society," said Andrew Kohls, adviser for International Student and Scholar Services. "A few weeks ago, I attended a 'Women in Islam' event where it was clear how completely against the Islam faith was about homosexuality. [Alam] brought light to the activism that is happening around this issue. This activism helps people of all ages. It's just really encouraging."

Worldwide, there are 1.5 billion practicing Muslims. According to Alam, the Western mentality is that Muslims only come from the 15 countries that constitute the Middle East region. Realistically, that is only 12 percent of the total worldwide Muslim population. The 2 million to 4 million Muslims in the United States come from more than 80 countries, and 30 percent are African-American.

Alam spoke about the way in which LGBT Muslims tend to feel that they are alone and isolated in their culture.

"It is clear that there are alternative interpretations of religious text," said Caitlin Kelley, international student

recruiter. "Students are looking at these LGBT issues. We as staff need to continue to look at how we can help and serve these young people. This was a very interesting presentation, especially with how it bridged the Islam world with the LGBT commu-

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Brandon Haddock
director of the K-State LGBT Resource Center

nity. It was very interesting to hear."

Throughout his presentation, Alam illustrated the way in which the Muslim world tends not to be very accepting of its LGBT members. He showed clips from a documentary about a man and woman from the United Kingdom who were LGBT Muslims. He also showed a clip of an instance in which worldwide religious leaders came together to discuss how appalled and upset they were with

the repeal of the nationwide sodomy law in India in 2009.

"Overall, this presentation went well," said Brandon Haddock, director of the K-State LGBT Resource Center. "I feel like people are very receptive of learning of not just about LGBT issues but also of issues facing the Muslim world. There are a lot of similarities between the Islam and Christian worlds when it comes to sexuality and gender expression. I feel like those similarities were shown in this presentation."

After an hourlong presentation and a half-hour question and answer session, audience members had the opportunity to speak with Alam one-on-one.

"There are people here at K-State who have similar coming-out stories as [Alam]," Haddock said. "There are people who could relate with what he was saying even though he was Muslim. We are able to see ourselves in other cultures."

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GM cars to feature Siri

Siri, the automated electronic personal assistant installed in the Apple iPhone 4S and 5, is on track to be built into GM's Chevrolet Spark and Sonic vehicles.

GM announced the new technology at the Los Angeles Auto Show Tuesday and plans to integrate the Siri technology to sync with consumer iPhones. In the new vehicles, Siri will be able to perform voice commands while drivers keep their eyes on the road.

Ford Motor Co. also announced Tuesday at the auto

show that the 2014 Ford Fiesta will have feature voice command capability and the ability to work smartphone technology.

Both vehicle models will feature simpler voice commands to allow drivers to focus less on phones and music players.

Medical marijuana industry opposes Washington law

The cannabis industry in Washington continues to protest the legality of recreational marijuana sales, according to a Tuesday report by the Huffington Post.

The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws released a statement claiming

that the medical industry is protesting marijuana legalization because it will decrease their revenue. The organization has been fighting the medical industry protests on the basis of an estimated \$606 million in tax revenue that the new law will provide for the state.

The medical industry opposition group, "No on I-502," claims that finances are not the reason for their protest; instead, the group is concerned about the impact the law will have on users prosecuted under the "Driving Under the Influence of Drugs" provision in the Washington law.

"No on I-502" filed a lawsuit Nov. 14 claiming that voters in

Washington were unaware of the "Driving Under the Influence of Drugs" provision and were therefore not fully informed. The results of the suit are pending.

Cyber Monday sales shoot past predicted mark

Cyber Monday sales have reached a new record this year, breaking the \$1 billion mark for the first time in history.

The L.A. Times reported Tuesday that Cyber Monday sales broke predicted sales by half a billion dollars, increasing by 17 percent from last year. In total, \$1.98 billion were spent on online shopping Monday.

An estimated 22 percent of

Cyber Monday sales were completed through mobile shopping, another record.

This year, Cyber Monday shopping was dominated by sales on toys and sporting goods, as well as beauty supplies, home and auto sales.

Apple Maps manager fired, outside sources consulted

Richard Williamson, the manager in charge of the team that created Apple's new Maps technology, was fired Tuesday, according to reports from CNN, Reuters and USA Today.

With the resignation of executive Scott Forstall last month, Williamson is the second Apple

chief officer to leave the company recently. Williamson had worked with Apple for 12 years, moving up from his position as a senior software engineer.

Eddy Cue, Apple's senior vice president of Internet software and services, fired Williamson and is now seeking mapping help from TomTom NV, a Dutch navigation systems manufacturer.

Apple maps gained quick criticism from users for slow, inaccurate map service since the iPhone 5 and accompanying iOS6 update were released. Last month, the company issued an apology and promised to work to resolve the application's issues.

K-State sales team assembled, preparing for 2013 national competition

Maria Betzold
staff writer

Six students were selected for the K-State sales team, which will travel to Atlanta in March 2013 for the National Collegiate Sales Competition at Kennesaw State University.

"Ultimately, the sales team has the opportunity to take K-State's sales program to the next

level in terms of university exposure and national exposure alike," said Jake Pritchard, junior in finance.

Team members include Pritchard; Andrea Fouts, senior in marketing; Megan Kirtland, senior in marketing; and Josh Kirk, senior in entrepreneurship. Alternates are Tyler Maneth, junior in marketing, and Jeffrey Norris, senior in marketing. Stu-

dents selected for the team also earned a \$500 scholarship, and alternates won a \$250 scholarship.

The team was selected based off of students' results at the Edward Jones Sales Competition in October, sponsored by the National Strategic Selling Institute in the College of Business Administration. The daylong competition featured 46 par-

ticipants who role-played a sales pitch to potential Edward Jones customers, played by the company's representatives.

"I had never been exposed to any kind of marketing classes or sales techniques," Pritchard said.

Pritchard added that he gained important information about the company and its product and began to identify how the product could help the con-

sumer. This helped him create a good sales pitch for the competition.

"Sales is all about being able to tailor your product to meet the needs of the customer," he said.

Dawn Deeter-Schmelz, professor in marketing, said the competition gives K-State students an advantage in the job market.

"It catches the eyes of em-

ployers," Deeter-Schmelz said. "When I take students to these competitions, they get jobs."

Deeter-Schmelz emphasized that all students currently attending K-State, regardless of their major, are welcome to compete for the sales team.

"Getting involved with the sales team is open to any major," she said. "Every industry needs sales."

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